

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 97**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Beth Gaines)  
(Coauthor: Senator Gaines)**

February 13, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, as introduced, Bigelow. Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the overcrossing that spans State Highway Route 50 at Ray Lawyer Drive in the County of El Dorado as the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote, who was assigned to
- 2 the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion at Camp Pendleton,
- 3 California was killed August 10, 2012, in Helmand province,
- 4 Afghanistan, along with two other Marines; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote was born in Bishop, California
- 6 to Russell and Cindy Mote, who divorced when he was a young
- 7 boy, and he was raised by his father and his new wife, Marcia, in
- 8 El Dorado, California; and

1 WHEREAS, As a boy, Staff Sergeant Mote raised pigs for 4-H,  
2 camped with his family, and shoed horses. From an early age, he  
3 spoke of joining the military, motivated in part by a love of  
4 airplanes and the desire to work with them; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote graduated from Union Mine  
6 High School in El Dorado in 2003 and joined the Marines that  
7 same year. He deployed to Iraq as a bomb-disposal specialist, and  
8 twice to Afghanistan to work with the Marines special forces; and

9 WHEREAS, After his death, people who served with Staff  
10 Sergeant Mote spoke about his heroism in battle. In one case, a  
11 captain spoke of stepping on an improvised explosive device in  
12 Afghanistan, and of how Mote found his way to him, applying  
13 tourniquets and preventing him from bleeding to death; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote received the Navy Cross, a  
15 Purple Heart, a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a  
16 Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action  
17 Ribbons, and three Good Conduct Medals; and

18 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote was unmarried and leaves  
19 behind four brothers: Timothy, 37, an Army soldier in Fort Polk,  
20 Louisiana; Erick, 30, of Bozeman, Montana; Tyson, 28, of San  
21 Francisco; and Carson, 17, a high school student in El Dorado  
22 Hills; and

23 WHEREAS, By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit,  
24 and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of certain death, Staff  
25 Sergeant Mote saved his comrades from further injury or possibly  
26 death, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding  
27 the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States  
28 Naval Service; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
31 overcrossing that spans State Highway Route 50 at Ray Lawyer  
32 Drive at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument/Government  
33 Center as the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing;  
34 be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
36 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
37 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
38 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations  
39 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and  
40 be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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